

## REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 30, 2004, and the above amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

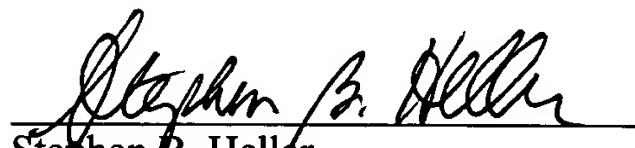
Claims 12-43 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 12, 14, 15, 17, 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamada et al. 6,114,183. Claims 13, 16, 18-35 and 38-43 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamada et al. in view of Yamazaki et al. 6,242,758.

In response, applicant cancels claims 12-17 and 24-43. Claims 18 and 21 are amended to recite features that distinguish the claims over the cited references. New claims 44-49 are being added, which are also believed to recite features that distinguish them over the cited references.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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